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TURN TO NATION & WORLD TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S 'FRIDAY FOLLIES'. IT ADDRESSES THE RECENTLY REPEALED DON'T ASK DON'T TELL ACT.

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A SENIOR TRACK ATHLETE WAS SELECTED FOR THE USA TRACK & FIELD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS. READ TO FIND OUT WHO.

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HUSA President to Visit Obama, White House

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Campus Editor

This afternoon, senior political science major and Howard University Student Association (HUSA) president Brian Smart will be traveling with President Sidney Ribeau to represent Howard. Smart will introduce President Obama as he signs an Executive Order that will give funding to his new HBCU Initiative.

Smart is the third generation

of his family to graduate from an HBCU.

"Starting with my great-grandmother, my parents, my aunts and uncles, and my older brother who all went to HBCUs, education has basically been very important in my family."

Smart is the first of his family to attend Howard University, where he has learned even more about the importance and relevance of HBCUs.

"Howard has given me a

sense of self," he said. "It has given me an educational experience that is second to none, and opportunities like this one that I know I wouldn't have been afforded at any other university."

While Smart has a deep history with HBCUs, others may not see their importance. He explained that in today's age and time, many governors are trying to put them all into one school because they don't feel that they are relevant anymore.

"HBCUs have helped a lot in producing leaders as well as advocating for black issues," Smart said. "For the President of the United States, who is not a product of an HBCU, to say that we should continue is huge."

Standing before public official and other public figures in the White House, Smart plans to tell them about his experience at Howard University and how the experience has shaped his future.

"Coming to Howard

University was the best decision that I have ever made," he said.

Smart wrote his speech with the help of African-American Studies Department chair Gregory Carr, Ph.D., and Judi Latta, Ph.D., from University Communications.

"For me, being given the opportunity to speak means being given the opportunity to show Howard to the world," Smart said. "I am honored to represent my peers and Howard University."



HUSA candidates Will Roberts (left) and Brandon Harris (right) participated in last night's speak out even though they are running unopposed for their offices.

Executive Candidates Speak Out

BY CAMILLE AUGSTIN
Staff Writer

The crossfire debates were filled with enthusiasm, passion, audience reactions, and rapid answers as the candidates from the School of Communications, College of Arts and Sciences (COAS), the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) candidates and the graduate student trustee candidates debated with their opposing slates.

Since they are running unopposed, the School of Business executive council candidates gave a brief introduction of themselves and their platform. Present at the beginning of the crossfire debate undergraduate trustee candidate

Pierre Whitley had to leave due to a family emergency. As a result, Corey Briscoe, also running for undergraduate trustee, gave a brief introduction of his platform.

HUSA candidates Brandon Harris and William Roberts gave their agenda of what they have planned for students. Listening to students' needs is on the top of their list. "HUSA has 11,000 voices behind it, if you don't effectively communicate with students then you will not have those 11,000 voice behind you," said Roberts.

Harris and Roberts also plan to combat student apathy. "Students want to know their student government is fighting for them," said Harris. Also reconnecting with the graduate

student body is on the "Turning Point" agenda.

On the graduate trustee slate, Kiara Pesante plans to craft policies and "answer the call to action," as well as open the lines of communication between her and the graduate students. Also running, Marcus Ware brings years of experience in student leadership and wants to serve the graduate population but also serve the whole community. "I want to advocate for the students in the boardroom and create a long term plan of action," said Ware.

Executive candidates in the School of Communications and COAS also participated in the speakout.



Photo Courtesy of Howard University Sports Information Office

Pictured above is freshman Lady Bison forward Saadia Doyle. She has averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds a game this season.

Basketball Teams Play Last Home Games of the Season

Tomorrow the Bison men's and women's basketball teams will face University Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) in Burr Gymnasium for their last home games of the season.

This game will also represent Student Organization Day. Attendance is required for all student organizations in order to fulfill a portion of their Adopt-A-Team requirement for the Excellence Awards.

The women's game will tip off at 2 p.m. and the men's game will begin at 4 p.m.

This season, the men's Bison basketball team has posted a record of 7-22. UMES' men's team has a record of 9-19.

The Lady Bison have a record of 14-12 this season. Their opponent's record is 10-14.

On Thursday, March 4, both teams will travel to Virginia to take on the Hampton Pirates in their last game before the MEAC conference tournament.

— Royce Strahan, Sports Editor

900 Students Avoid Being Purged

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Contributing Writer

Each semester approximately 400 students are dropped from their classes due to a process known as the "purge." At the beginning of this semester, about 900 students were supposed to be purged; however, due to the efforts of the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and administrators, that number was significantly smaller this year.

According to Troy Stovall, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Howard University, 250 students were not purged because they did not complete payment arrangements. However, HUSA Grievance Director Corey Briscoe said after three days of working diligently with Stovall and staff members in the Office of Financial Aid, only 19

students were purged.

"In our mission statement, Howard assures itself that students of potential have access to education," HUSA President Bryan Smart said, explaining the urgency of reinstating students.

Although Briscoe said he is unsure where the money was pulled from to reinstate the students, he said he was told it came from restricted accounts and untapped resources.

Smart said financial limitations should not determine intellectual limitations and a person's financial predisposition should not be the factor that determines one's future success.

Sophomore political science major Kimberly Wafer echoed Smart's sentiments and said any student getting purged is disheartening because all students attend Howard to get an education.

She said a student's financial situation should not prohibit them from reaching their educational goals.

In The Hilltop article "Semesterly Purge Date Officially Announced" published Jan. 30, 2009, administrator Alvin Thornton, Ph.D. said the purge date affects "as many as 400 students and as few as 89 each semester."

Wafer said 400 students a semester is a staggering statistic. She questioned the educational priorities of the administration and asked how students could be "first," if a solution to a recurring problem hasn't been found.

"Students should hold administration responsible for ensuring that these students stay in school," Wafer said.

Wafer was pleased at the significant decrease in the number of students purged this semester.

Sprite Step Off Awards Two Sororities First Place

BY DEONTAY MORRIS
Deputy Managing Editor

Coca-Cola, the parent company of Sprite, has decided to name both Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Tau Chapter and Zeta Tau Alpha, Epsilon Chapter first place winners of the Sprite Step Off competition. Both sororities will be awarded \$100,000 for their victory.

Yesterday, Sprite released a statement on Facebook. In the statement, the company said they decided to name co-winners due to a "scoring discrepancy that can't be resolved and due to the really tight margin between the first and second place sorors." They also said the right thing to do is to name both sororities first place winners.

The step show of Zeta Tau Alpha, a predominantly white sorority, has received more than 200,000 views and 1,000 comments on YouTube.

"They didn't care (YouTube commentators) if the girls were better or not, the people that were upset were saying white girls should have not have won, period," said Anthony Antoine in an interview with the Atlanta Journal Constitution. Antoine recorded the video of Zeta Tau Alpha stepping.

He continued, "This is bigger than a step competition, race relations in America still needs a lot of work."

The Hilltop will have a follow-up story in Monday's edition with campus reaction to this decision.

Get to Know the 2010 Election Season Candidates

Brandon Harris, President, and Will Roberts, Vice President Howard University Student Association Candidates

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

One of the goals of Howard University Student Association (HUSA) executive office candidates Brandon Harris and William Roberts is to impact change and leave Howard better than it was before they came here.

Harris, a sophomore, is running for executive president, while Roberts, a second year law student is running for executive Vice President. This is the first time in over a decade that a graduate student and an undergraduate student have run on the same ticket for the HUSA office.

Running unopposed, the two only had one word for the situation; "horrible."

The candidates said that coming into the elections they were looking forward to having "intense

debates," but due to the circumstances, they will be denied that chance.

"We want nothing more than to have the students obtain the opportunity to choose between candidates of who they want to see run their student government," said Roberts. "We did not have any idea that no one would be running."

Since Roberts is a graduate student and Harris an undergraduate student, Roberts said HUSA would represent all the students. Roberts is able to directly interact with the graduate students and hear their concerns, as Harris is able to remain visible among the undergraduate students.

"I have a true understanding of what HUSA is," said Harris. "I will make changes on this campus

and with Will's experience I know we as a team can accomplish great things for all the students."

Roberts said given his experience as previous HUSA vice president, General Assembly chairman, student advocacy director, and executive president of the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) Student Council, he has knowledge that most other candidates would not have. "I have seen what works and has not worked in student government," he said.

Harris and Roberts decided to run because they saw that they could do a better job than some of the other prospective candidates. Roberts described their relationship as that of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. He serves as the advisory to Harris while Harris makes the



Will Roberts (left), candidate for HUSA Vice President and Brandon Harris (right), candidate for HUSA President hope to advocate for all students.

decisions.

Harris and Roberts plan to make the "roads easier" for students and want to show students that there is a lot of confidence instilled in them.

Their combination is unconventional but they still seek to show students that they are here to serve them said Harris. With different perspectives Harris and Roberts are on the same agenda.

Pierre Whatley Undergraduate Trustee Candidate



BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Drawing inspiration from his passion for helping others and making a difference, Pierre Whatley made the decision to run for Undergraduate Trustee.

By getting involved in student government, Whatley has helped students, either to get housing, validation or just by listening to their needs. Whatley, a junior economics major is running for Undergraduate Trustee with hopes of becoming a student advocate.

He also hopes to bring ideas to the Trustee boardroom for the betterment of Howard University as a whole. Whatley served as freshman class president in the School of Business and Undergraduate

Student Assembly (UGSA) representative his sophomore year.

"Howard was the only school I applied to because, this is where I knew I wanted to be," Whatley said. "Howard has given me many opportunities and helped me to get internships and build connections. I want to help students have a better experience at Howard University, the type of experience that I have received."

Whatley said a student suggested he run for Undergraduate Trustee. As Whatley contemplated this suggestion, he researched what a trustee does and spoke to former and current trustees.

After taking a trip to Atlanta and speaking with Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, Whatley said he knew this position was for him, especially when Reed

thought it was in Whatley's best interest to run.

If elected, Whatley hopes to represent the undergraduate student body and make decisions that will benefit the students and bring their concerns to the table.

Whatley said he is different from past Undergraduate Trustees, because he can to the students.

"I am a student at Howard University. I know what it feels like to not be validated. Given these experiences, I understand what an average student faces at Howard," Whatley said. "Students feel comfortable to talk to me, and I want them to know that I am here to serve them and keep their best interest in mind."

Whatley declared, "I am the people's candidate. I am all for the students."

Corey Briscoe Undergraduate Trustee Candidate



BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

For some students, getting involved in student government is not beneficial when attending college.

For Corey Briscoe, junior political science and English double major, student government is a lifestyle. As a current candidate for Undergraduate Trustee, Briscoe expressed that he has always had a strong passion for serving his peers and the global community. "As a freshman, I knew right away that student government was my niche," said Briscoe. "Coming from a school where I held many executive roles, I was well-prepared to take on the challenges that I would face at Howard University."

Briscoe felt like the average student during his freshman year, confused about what to do, or how to find his place on a campus

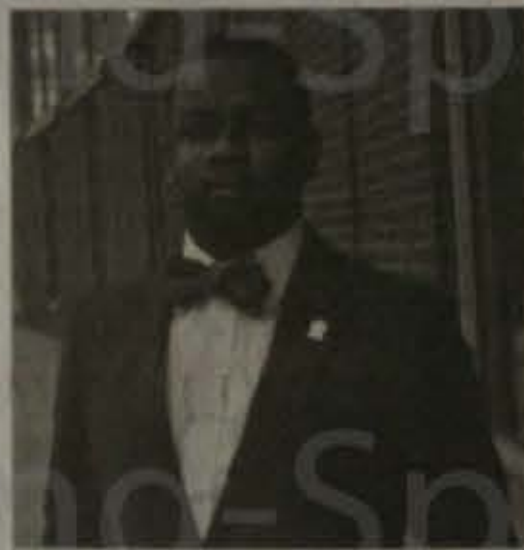
full of leaders, talent and intelligent individuals. It was not long before Briscoe ventured into the student government arena, after he was elected as an Undergraduate Student Assembly Representative during the spring semester of his freshman year. His sophomore year, Briscoe decided to run for Undergraduate Trustee for the first time. After his loss, Briscoe said he learned from the occurrences during that time. "While I did not win, I gained valuable insight that would help me become a better student leader."

Briscoe continued to fulfill his passion as a leader, by being appointed the Director of Student Advocacy for the 49th Administration of the Howard University Student Association. "I combat the issues of the average student and challenge injustice across the campus," said Briscoe. "This ranges from grade grievances,

housing, academic support, and financial aid." Briscoe praised the administration for not only their continuous effort to fight for students, but keeping the purge number of students down to 19 students. "This is something never seen before, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished through unity."

Briscoe plans to not only fulfill the duties of the Undergraduate Trustee position, but using a method of "Synergy" to do it. "I am different, because I take a holistic approach, addressing the many needs of many different constituencies. I choose "Synergy" because in my heart I believe, the issues of Howard University cannot stand against the unified force of students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators. With our unified efforts we will achieve more than we could ever have done individually."

Marcus Ware Graduate Trustee Candidate



BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

The office of graduate trustee has become a very competitive race, and graduate law student Marcus Ware plans to fight it to the finish.

A 2009 undergraduate with a B.A. in political science and now first year law student, Ware is confident that his experience will help him stand out from his competitors. During his undergraduate career, Marcus Ware has served in various leadership capacities on campus, including HUSA President, School of Business Student Council President, Policy Board Chairman, and as Commissioner of General Elections.

The title of his campaign is "The Blueprint." Ware explains the campaign name and slogan as

being the core things that must be focused on to ensure a successful academic year. The three points are administrative and fiscal accountability, improved facilities, and more financial resources for students.

"Some of these are short-term goals, while others will take a while," said Ware. "Using this blueprint, though, will ensure that Howard remains viable and the great institution that we know it is."

As a result of his experience, Ware plans to continue to cultivate relationships with those he has not met, and maintain those that he has connected with through his previous positions.

"I plan on building on the relationships that I already have with a number of trustees from my experience," said Ware. "I plan

to make the best decisions I can regarding the current status and future of the university."

Although the duties of the graduate trustee are extensive, Ware plans to take a different approach to the graduate trustee office, by adding his research and networking skills to actively tackle the issues of the University with the administration, concerning the students.

"Graduate and professional students need a voice on the board that will do the hard work of sitting down with members from each of the programs to discuss the challenges moving forward and to determine what other resources may be needed that aren't identified by the President's Commission on Academic Renewal," said Ware.

Kiara Pesante Graduate Trustee Candidate



BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Campus Editor

Graduate trustee candidate Kiara Pesante plans to bring the graduate community as sense of freshness.

"Fresh policies, fresh leadership and fresh perspective is essentially what my campaign represents," Pesante said. "I am fresh to student government, I am different; I have a wealth of outside experiences to bring a fresh perspective with to the board meeting."

With no previous student government experience Pesante became intrigued to answer the call to action, which is why she decided to run for Graduate Trustee.

"That's the \$64,000 question, essentially. I've never been the kind of per-

son who have complained about something and never did anything about it."

Even while getting her undergraduate degree at Auburn University, Pesante always wanted to be a part of Howard. "I always wanted to be a part of that movement and legacy," she said.

Her plan to study policy is another reason why she decided to come to Howard; especially in terms of issues dealing with people of color.

Now getting her Master's in public administration, Pesante said there is nothing that she hates about Howard, but that she does see things that can be made better.

"There is nothing to hate about Howard or any person or any entity; there are things that can be better

though."

As for Pesante's love for Howard, "I love the camaraderie that all Howard students have with their friends, there is a connection and bond that is formed."

As Graduate Trustee Pesante plans to do some things differently.

"I have plans to host programming for the different graduate schools and a Web site already established," she said. "I will be very visible and accessible."

One of the leaders she looks up to is President Obama. "I have to say the cliché answer but no one can deny his impact," she said. "His calmness, professionalism, and ability to do well under pressure has made him tremendous in all that he does."

Famous Archaeologist Visits Howard

BY TRAVER RIGGINS
Managing Editor

When Michael Blakey, Ph.D., joined the New York African Burial Ground Project in the early 1990s as the scientific director, he wasn't surprised to find that he was one the only black face around.

"I was used to being in the context of very few minorities," said Blakey, who grew up in the District and began archaeology at 13 at the Maryland archaeological society.

Blakey, who teaches at the College of William and Mary, said it was not the racial make-up that bothered him most, "but that they were poorly trained and had little expertise in African-American culture."

He recruited some qualified minorities, many of whom were students from Howard where he was teaching at the time, and through the excavation and analysis of more than 400 graves, the project was able to answer questions of enslavement, living conditions and origins of Africans in New York from the 1700s.

There are more sites like the one in New York, but the problem persists—there are too few minority archaeologists to do the work.

"I would say there are around 20 I can think of," said Florediz Bugarin, Ph.D., assistant professor of anthropology who chairs the conference.

Bugarin hopes to find some

solutions to this problem with "Windows from the Present to the Past: The Archaeology of Africa and the African Diaspora," a three-day Department of Sociology and Archaeology conference that started Thursday.

"A lot of people don't know about archaeology and what archaeology can teach us about the past," Bugarin said.

Archaeology is not just digging, Bugarin said. Like history and African-American studies, she said archaeology asks questions of race, discrimination, economics and class, but the method of data gathering is a little different. "The shovel and trowel are like our pencil and pen," Bugarin said.

Professional archaeologists from as far as California have come to exchange ideas about how the profession affects the Diaspora, what it can continue to do and how to get more minorities involved.

All the participants were invited; there was no call for papers. "I wanted to handpick the most prominent people in the field and the most promising students."

Nearly 100 people are expected to attend. Bugarin said a portion of the money collected from registration fees will establish graduate and undergraduate research scholarships in archaeology to encourage students to pursue the field.

While the profession is scientific, and should presumably be approach objectively, the truth



Jasmine Whiting Photographs

Michael Blakey, Ph.D., an archaeologists to presented papers on the first day of the "Windows From the Present to the Past" conference.

of the matter is that if minorities do not get involved, parts of African Diaspora history will remain hidden or neglected.

"White people want to be the authority on who they think black people think they should be," Blakey said after he presented his paper on the 20-year history of the New York project. The burial ground opens a museum in New York this weekend.

Much of the money that goes to American heritage archaeological research is "focused on white colonialism," Bugarin said, referring to sites like Monticello and Williamsburg. "The money pours in from individuals and families who put in the time, effort and money to be heritage sites that are well-recognized and well-preserved."

More minorities in the field

would mean a better chance of that money going to African-American sites, she said.

***Free and open to the public today at 11 a.m. Susan McIntosh, Ph.D., will present a paper on *Re-envisioning West Africa's Past in the Blackburn Digital Auditorium*. In the 1980s, McIntosh was on of the first archaeologists to survey Timbuktu.

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Dawn Brancheau, a 12 year trainer at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla. was killed late Wednesday after the whale that she trained with since her time at the park brutally attacked her, dragging her into the water where she drowned. Her sister remarked how Brancheau "had the job she had dreamed about since she was 9-years-old."

Photo Courtesy of Associated Press

SeaWorld Whale Kills Trainer, Sparks Controversy

Arguments arise that a killer whale be put to sleep, following second fatality since joining the park in 1991

BY Le'DIA J. SMITH
Staff Writer

Following the death of a veteran SeaWorld trainer in Orlando, Fla. earlier this week, animal rights activists have continued their campaign to keep marine mammals out of theme parks across the country.

Dawn Brancheau, 40, was killed Wednesday afternoon after a six ton male orca, also known as a "killer whale", grabbed her from the side of the pool and held her underwater during a show at Shamu Stadium.

Brancheau joined the park in 1994, and had more experience with the 29-year-old orca, Tillikum, than most of the other trainers.

In a "Good Morning America" interview, SeaWorld's curator

of zoological operations, Chuck Tompkins said Tillikum reacted to Brancheau's ponytail accidentally brushing against his face.

"She was interacting with him, petting him on the nose," Tompkins said. "Dawn had very long hair in a ponytail. That ponytail had swung in front of him. He grabbed her by the hair and pulled her underwater."

SeaWorld closed the Orlando Park immediately after the incident, and suspended its orca show in San Diego. They do not plan to euthanize Tillikum.

Jaime Zalac, a spokesman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, called the death "a tragedy that didn't have to happen."

Zalac says the organization had advocated to SeaWorld "to stop

confining oceangoing mammals to an area that to them is like the size of a bathtub... and to stop forcing animals to perform silly tricks over and over again."

Founder and General Counsel for Animal Legal Defense Fund, Joyce Tischler said, "These behemoths are denied all of their natural, instinctual inclinations, and we humans tend to think, 'Well, this is just a bad animal.'"

Tischler continued, "But it is a wild animal, used to running free in an entire ocean, but now confined to a very small space...I would be asking, 'Why was this animal kept after the first death?'"

The orca is the largest member of the dolphin family and is known to be the most powerful predator in the world. They can

range from 23 to 32 feet and up to six tons; however, they are not considered a threat to humans.

"Several animals are used for entertainment, food, and experimental purposes," said Diamond Hanson, a freshman physician assistant major. "It is perfectly fine to say that whales can be used for entertainment, however they must be used with caution. On the bright side, families love to watch animals partake in tricks and games no matter what the size."

Junior international business major Alycia Holland agrees with the animal activists, saying that animals should not be confined to a drastically smaller environment than that of their natural environment.

"I think [killer whales] should

be able to be free in their own habitat and not be forced to entertain," Holland said. "It should be considered animal cruelty to force them to entertain in front of thousands of people."

Tillikum has also been linked to two other deaths, including the drowning of a trainer at a British Columbia marine park in 1991, and the drowning of a 27-year-old man whose body was found floating in a tank at SeaWorld in 1999.

Stating that the death in 1991 was before SeaWorld owned Tillikum, Tompkins added, "This is the first time in 46 years that we've ever had an incident like this with a trainer. To mark him as a killer is unfair."

FRIDAY FOLLIES



This illustration demonstrates the widespread belief that the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy would help soldiers in the United States Armed Forces to perform better.

Where's the funny?

Many argue that if homosexuals and bisexuals are not allowed to be themselves during their time in service, they are less likely to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. The soldier in the closet represents a homosexual soldier who is impaired during the heat of battle due to his inability to come out of the closet.

-Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett, Nation & World Editor

Find something funny? Submit it for next week's Friday Folly to
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President Obama to Sign Executive Order on HBCUs



Today, President Barack Obama will sign his executive order addressing Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

The event is being held in the historic White House East Room and members from various press associations have been invited to be present as the President makes this unique announcement.

An official press release from the White House said that "This event demonstrates the President's strong appreciation for the historic role these institutions have played in educating our citizens and the Administration's commitment to assisting HBCUs with accomplishing their mission."

The Hilltop will have a representative at the event, make sure that you pick up Monday's issue for full coverage of the event.

Marquis H. Barnett,
Nation & World Editor

Buckley Hurdles the Competition



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office
Howard senior Landria Buckley was selected for the USA Track & Field Indoor Championships yesterday for competition this weekend.

BY ROYCE STRAHAN
Sports Editor

Bison track and field star, Landria Buckley will be competing with some of the top collegiate runners this weekend after being selected for the USA Track & Field Indoor Championships.

Buckley, a senior from Romulus, Mich., qualified for the event after running the 60-meter hurdles in 8.32 seconds at the Penn State National on Jan. 29-30.

Buckley was also a gold medalist in the 60-meter hurdles at the 2010 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Indoor Track Championships.

Buckley will compete against over 700 track and field stars around the country this Saturday and Sunday at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Mexico.

The Bison track star was

named first team All-MEAC in the 60-meter hurdles last week after winning the event in 8.45 seconds.

She also earned second team all-conference honors in the 200-meter dash and helped the 4 x 400 meter relay team with Danielle Douglas, Jami Hardy and Symone Glover win second team all-league honors.

The USA Track & Field Indoor Championships is the last event of the Indoor Visa Championship Series and is also the world's oldest indoor track championship, with the first track meet being held in 1988 in New York.

The athletes competing this weekend will have the opportunity to qualify for Team USA events and compete in the 2010 International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

Lacrosse Team's March Schedule

March		
Tue 2	St. Francis (Pa.) Washington, D.C.	3 p.m.
Thu 4	at Frostburg State Frostburg, Md.	4 p.m.
Sat 6	Liberty Washington, D.C.	3 p.m.
Sat 13	Davidson Washington, D.C.	1 p.m.
Mon 15	at Trinity Washington, D.C.	3:30 p.m.
Sun 21	Presbyterian Washington, D.C.	4 p.m.
Wed 24	Central Conn State Washington, D.C.	3 p.m.
Sat 27	at Jacksonville Jacksonville, Fla.	3 p.m.

Sports Throwback Photo



Photo Courtesy of StormFront.org
Anthony Nesty was the second black athlete to win an Olympic medal in swimming after Enith Brigitha won a medal in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Nesty earned gold in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Nesty was born in Trinidad and Tobago in 1967 and went on to train and compete in Suriname and the Caribbean through the beginning of his teenage years. Nesty placed 21st in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, but strived to become better in the future, resulting in his gold medal in 1988.

Sports Trivia!

Who holds the record for the most passing yards in a single NFL game with 554?

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TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

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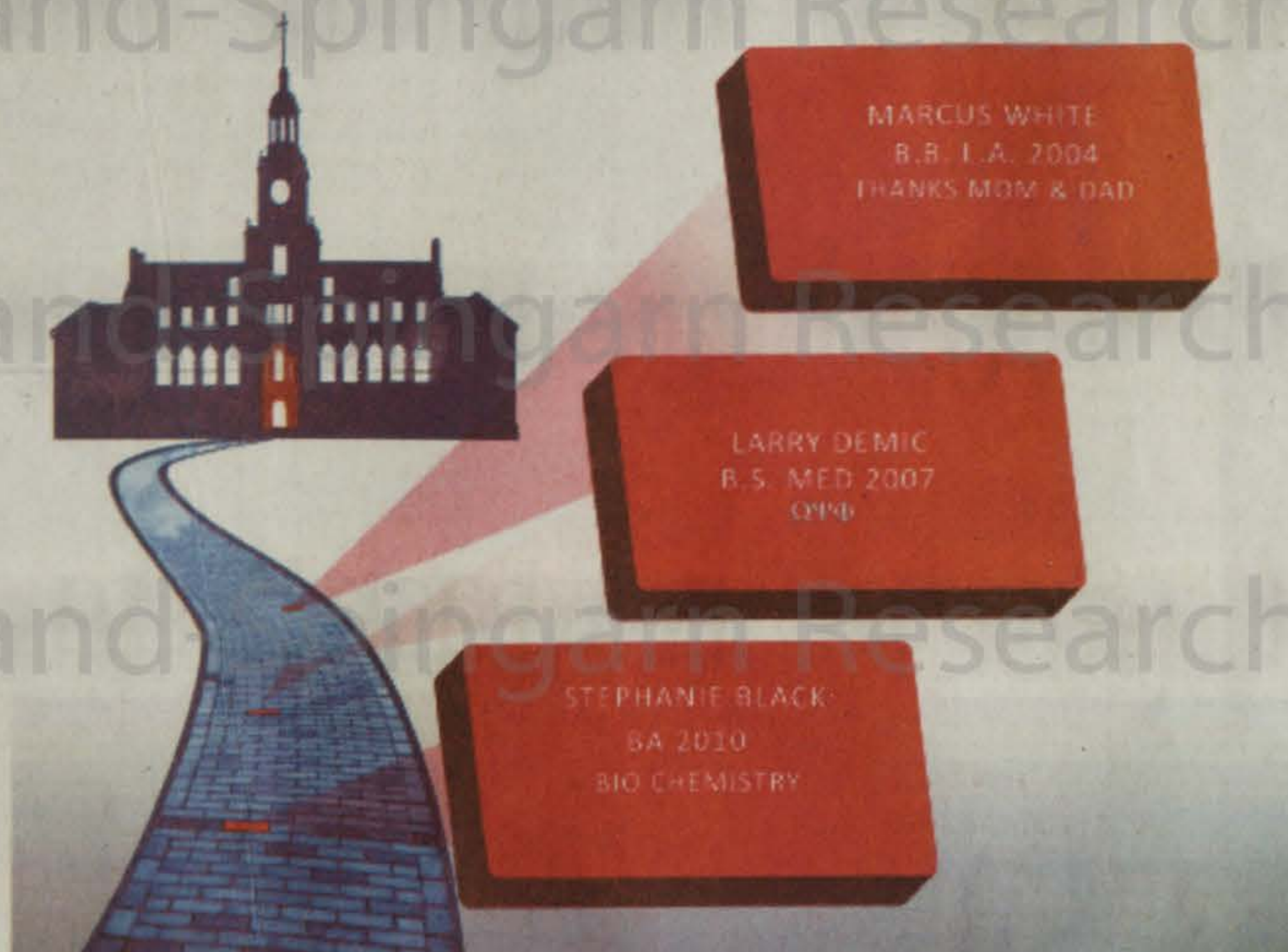
NBA's Michael Jordan's 58 points is a Chicago Bulls record.

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Extremist Groups May Be Cause for Concern

They took the political media by storm last year with their unexpectedly outrageous anti-tax protesting. Their first annual convention will be headlined by none other than Alaska's favorite ex-vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. They denounce anything even slightly democratic, and are on a self-guided mission to end Obama's health care plan, halt uncontrollable spending, stop the raising of taxes, government bailouts, and a number of other extreme objectives.

Doesn't sound that serious, does it? Americans are as diverse politically as we are culturally, although America boasts a primarily two-party system. You've got the Democrats, the Republicans, the Independents, and the people who don't really identify with any party, opting to simply identify with the candidate who best fits their objectives at the time.

The ideals and objectives of the Tea Party Nation might seem like the bitter and angry ranting of an extremist Republican group, annoyed with McCain's presidential failure and infuriated with Obama's left

wing policy making. We've got nothing to be worried about, right? All Americans are entitled to their freedom of speech, (even the radical loonies), right?

Interestingly enough, in America's current political climate, where citizens (and even some influential mem-

Our View:

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bers of our national government) seem to have lost faith in the benefit and efficiency of our political process, an uprising of an extremist group such as the Tea Party Nation should be taken seriously.

In the face of such a political condition, the Tea Party Nation, and any other extremist group for that matter, has the potential to gather a significant amount of support from the masses that are unhappy with the current state of the

nation. There's definitely an audience willing to concur with the more outrageous aspects of the group in order to stop taxes from raising any higher, and to end the current presidential administration's ridiculous spending without a less extreme candidate, Palin and her band of followers have the capability to snatch the support of moderate Republicans.

Such high numbers of support could result in an extremist right-winged candidate being voted onto a ballot, giving them more than a fighting chance to eventually assume the position of the highest level of American government—the presidency.

The nation's overwhelmingly doubt-charged and discouraged attitude toward politics is setting the stage for extremist groups to gain a significant amount of weight in the political arena. The Tea Party Nation, and other extremist groups like it, should be regarded as a political force to be reckoned with.

Perspective

Give Yourself a Black Eye

W.E.B. DuBois wrote, "One ever feels his two-ness, an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings, two warring ideals in one dark body...this longing to attain self-conscious manhood, to merge his double self into a better and truer self."

There is a split between your Black side and your American side and, these two perspectives are constantly and consistently at war with each other's conflicting view. The question now rises, "Whose eyes are you looking through?"

The eyes that you look through, either black or American, determine how you see your people. I would be willing to bet my tuition that some of you reading this are looking at your people through the wrong eyes. In order to appreciate, consider, and change the wrongs of black people, you must look at black people through your black eye.

In the 1960's there was an intellectual revolution in which students, like us, fought for a new field of education called Black Studies.

The effects of this revolution brought classes such as Black in the Arts, Black Politics, Black Psychology, and Black Political Theory. The students who fought for these classes realized that classes taught about black phenomenon could not be taught from an American view.

In other words, the American eyes see things according to their ideals, concepts, and values. Those ideals being the democratic

theory; one man, one vote, those concepts being pluralism; the fight for political power through numbers, and those values being individualism; the basis of the "American Dream." These ideals, concepts, and values are all included in the American eye but can not adequately express the ways of Blacks in America.

There is a point of view that these Black Studies fighters realized. That viewpoint is the black eye and our perspective can not encompass the ideals of the Democratic theory because for most of American history we were not considered man and surely did not have a vote.

Our perspective cannot involve the concepts of pluralism because never in American history have we had the number to fight for political power, and our perspective's values can not be individualism because we are collective by nature and history. In simpler terms, the founders of Black Studies realized that it was impossible to teach the struggle of blacks through American eyes.

Black is the connection between an individual and the Black struggle, Black glory, Black demise, and Black history since the first enslaved Africans arrived in America as indentured servants in 1619.

The connection must be genuine for the individual to be considered black regardless of skin tone and phenotype. Skin tone and phenotype are secondary requirements only seen by

the eye. Primarily, black is our struggle, our glory, our demise, and our history.

It is easy to accept your American eye because that's what you have been socialized to do through American education, American government, and American media. But as strong black men and women, we must do as the Black Studies fighters did and realize that our American eyes can not adequately explain our people.

We must make the disconnection between our veils and "attain self-conscious manhood."

So the next time you hear that beautifully unique name on the roll before class, use your black eye to see its worth instead of using your American eye to call the person's parents ignorant for naming their child that name.

The next time you think of beauty, use your black eye to see your beautiful naps instead of using your American eye to define beauty as you pick up that perm box.

The next time your American eye tells you that the black struggle is over, racism ceases to exist, and you are equal to every American, ignore your American eye, and give yourself a Black eye.

Bryant Brown,
junior
political science
major

Daily Sudoku

Directions:

Each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1-9 exactly once.

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Come grab a story at our next budget meeting.

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Wednesday March 3 Louisiana Buffet with the Louisiana Club 7pm-10pm in the Blackburn Cafe

Thursday March 4 Karaoke Night with DMV Club 7pm-10pm in the Blackburn Digital Auditorium

Friday March 5 ASB Social 8pm-until location TBA

Sunday March 7 Radiothon 6am-6pm at WHUR

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The SOC Student Council Presents...

2010 School of C Week

Sunday, February 28 "Call to Chapel" Cramton Auditorium @ 11:00am

Monday, March 1 "The Scenario" C.B. Powell Room 229 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 2 "The Come Up" Gallery Lounge @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 3 "What Do You Mean I'm Talking Black?" Hilltop Lounge @ 7:00pm

Thursday, March 4 "Raising the Bar: A Pre-Law Mixer" Blackburn Restaurant @ 7:00pm

Friday, March 5 "Visibility Day" Punch Out from 12-2pm

Bone Marrow Drive Tuesday, March 2, 2010 10am-4pm at HU Medical School, Law School, and Blackburn Center. Contact Femi 240-601-8610 for information.

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